## Surgery Amid Crisis

## 'A Few Weeks' Leave

# Dulles Off Sick—Will He Return?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower gave State Secretary Dulles "a few weeks" leave of absence Monday night to undergo a hernia operation and to recover from an old intestinal ailment.

Immediately there was speculation as to whether Dulles would return to his post as ranking cabinet officer and foreign policy administrator.

His illness cast a pall on the whole Western posture being worked out to meet Russia's new threats and demands on Germany.

Dulles, who will be 71 on Feb. 25, insisted he would be back. He has displayed remarkable recuperative powers in the past—notably after his November, 1956, operation for removal of a cancerous portion of his lower intestine.

Illness has plagued him more than usually of late. In December he was taken to hospital with an inflamed colon.

Today Dulles is scheduled to check into Walter Reed Army Hospital to prepare for surgery.

The disclosure of Dulle's new illness was made at the White House after he had reported to Eisenhower on his flying trip to London, Paris and Bonn.

At the airport Dulles said the West would reject any Soviet move to substitute East Germans for Russians in controlling access to Berlin.

Before meeting Eisenhower, Dulles conferred with Willy Brandt, West Berlin's visiting mayor. Brandt reported that the secretary had given him "strong new assurances" that the United States would firmly defend its rights in Berlin.


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*Island forecast: mostly cloudy, clear periods*

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## *Molotov Won't Do, Dutch Tell Reds*

**THE HAGUE (AP)—The Netherlands has informed Russia it does not consider former Soviet foreign minister Vyacheslav Molotov a suitable envoy to the Netherlands because he had been denounced as a member of the anti-party group at the Communist party congress in Moscow.**

# TAKE OVER ALL CPR ROUTES DEMAND OF ENRAGED MLAS

## It Looks Like Christmas, But Snow's Going

Covered with light snow, the area around the pond near the rose garden in Beacon Hill Park took on the appearance of a Christmas card scene. Snow fell yesterday and Sunday, but motorists breathed easy as it melted from streets. Youngsters had a field day building snowmen and snow forts.—(Colonist photo by Bud Kinsman.)

## *Bulletins*

**HERBRIGGEN, Switzerland—The 210 inhabitants of this tiny alpine village fled their homes as a creeping mass of ice and rock threatened to turn into an avalanche and wipe Herbriggen off the map.**

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**ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—Detectives returned from Montreal with three men accused in the $500,000 robbery of the Premier Trust Company Feb. 1.**

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**NEW YORK—The Federal Aviation Agency imposed nationwide restrictions on bad-weather landings by Electra turbo-prop passenger planes following the death of 65 persons in an Electra crash last Tuesday.**

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**WASHINGTON — Two army generals testified that their recommendation for an urgent program to produce a new anti-missile missile was rejected by U.S. Defence Secretary Neil H. McElroy.**

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**SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia — Two Liberal white politicians, former prime minister R. S. Garfield Todd and Sir John Moffat, formed a new Rhodesian political party aimed at building a multi-racial society.**

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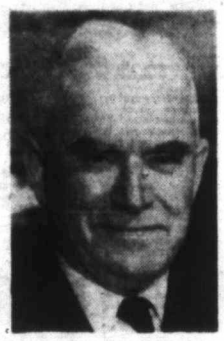
**GENEVA— The executive committee of the World Council of Churches convened to discuss the call of Pope John for a Roman Catholic ecumenical council to study the question of Christian unity.**



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*Ex-Premier*

## Johnson To Get Pension

The Socred government moved yesterday to pave the way to provide former Liberal premier Byron Johnson with a $5,000 a year pension for life.

Mr. Johnson, who has been ill, is the only living former B.C. premier and was premier of the Coalition government after Premier Hart and later of the Liberal government which was defeated by the Socreds in 1952. Mr. Johnson was seriously injured in an automobile accident while still premier, and never completely recovered.

A bill introduced into the legislature yesterday by Premier Bennett provides for payment of $5,000 annually, starting April 1.

"It is fitting that the legislature and the people of British Columbia acknowledge his great public service," the bill reads.

Mr. Johnson, it is understood, severed all business connections before becoming premier.

## *Protest Unites Parties*

Angry members from both sides of the House demanded in the legislature yesterday that all B.C. routes of the CPR, including the profitable Vancouver-Nanaimo ferry service, be taken over and operated by either the federal or provincial government.

"Take over the whole shebang," John Squire (CCF, Alberni) said. "If we keep on, either the federal government or this government will be subsidizing all uneconomic runs in the province."

"Either the CPR continues its services or it gives up its concessions. One or the other," thundered Highways Minister Philip Gaglardi.

**PULL OUT OF ALL**

"If the CPR wants to pull out of unprofitable runs, let it pull out of them all and let someone else give the service the people have a right to expect," boomed Herbert Bruch (SC, Esquimalt).

Works Minister W. N. Chant introduced a motion, seconded by George Gregory (L, Victoria), asking the federal government to assure continuation of year-round service between Victoria and Vancouver.

The CPR announced Friday it would discontinue its Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle steamship service after Feb. 25, except for a summer run starting in April.

**DEBATE ADJOURNED**

Debate on the motion was adjourned as speaker after speaker rose to condemn the CPR. The storm of protests will continue today when some kind of provincial action is expected.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner told the legislative members the provincial government has no jurisdiction over the CPR and that the federal government has very little.

The CPR does not enjoy a franchise from British Columbia, he said, "and it came as a surprise to me to learn it has no responsibility to the Board of Transport Commissioners or any other specific authority as to the operation of its vessels."

**LICENCE EXPIRES**

He said he had been advised by CPR vice-president J. N. Fraine that the operating licence of the Princess Elizabeth expires Feb. 26 and the Princess Joan March 21.

Mr. Fraine said it would cost the company $4,000,000 to repair and modernize the ships or $12,000,000 to replace them.

Mr. Bonner said provincial government ferries would be in operation "approximately 12 months from now."

**HISTORIC ODDITY**

He said that the terms of union between British Columbia and Canada "turn out to be a historic oddity under which steamship service appears to be a continuing responsibility of the federal government."

Mr. Bonner said that paragraph 4 of the terms of union, dealing with mail service, reads: "The Dominion will

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*Liberal Charges:*

## Brother Got Road

QUEBEC CITY (UPI)—Quebec Liberal leader Jean Lesage Monday charged Minister of Colonization Joseph D. Begin with using department funds to build roads leading to a radio-telephone station owned by his brother, Florent Begin and to a fishing camp.

Lesage said the charges made in the legislative assembly last Friday by Alcide Courcy, Liberal member for Abitibi-West, were "founded."

Lesage further charged that the same telephone company had built a radio-telephone service for the department of colonization at a cost of $35,557.33.

*From DEW Line*

## U.S. Bars Canadian Scientist

OTTAWA (CP)—A planned visit by a federal government scientist to a DEW line radar installation in the Canadian north was delayed for more than eight months by United States authorities.

A report tabled Monday in the Commons for CCF House Leader Hazen Argue said permission was requested April 23, 1957, to send A. M. Bancroft of the department of mines and technical surveys to a station on the Distant Early Warning line.

The request was made by the defence department to the United States Air Force through the RCAF project office in New York. Permission was not granted until Jan. 27, 1958.

*Strike Ballots to Sympathizers*

## CBC Union Plans Nation-Wide Vote

OTTAWA (UPI)—A representative of the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians said last night nation-wide strike ballots were being ordered because the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has refused to meet with unions which honored the striking Montreal producers picket line.

Tim O'Sullivan, director of network affairs for the employees, said the union believed it had sufficient grounds to call a strike.

Fernand Quirion, producers official currently meeting with CBC negotiators here said the producers have given assurance they will not sign an agreement until the 1,200 sympathizers have been looked after.

O'Sullivan said the union heads waited six hours for a meeting with CBC officials yesterday but were not granted one.

## *UBC Pay Going Up*

**Premier Bennett last night said he was confident that University of British Columbia professors would get a reasonable salary increase this year. (See page 6.)**

**Speaking about the government's plan to pay part of bright college and university students' tuition fees, he said the government was seeking "to replace more emphasis on studies and less on football."**

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*Introduced by McPhillips*

## Bill Would Ban Dams on Fraser

OTTAWA (CP) — Victoria's A. deB. McPhillips introduced a private bill Monday in the Commons to ban hydro-electric power development on the salmon-rich Fraser River.

The short two-caluse bill received first reading.

"This bill is simply designed to protect the navigation and the salmon fishery on the Fraser," Mr. McPhillips said.

The two clauses in the bill state:

1. No hydro-electric power shall be generated in the Fraser River in the province of British Columbia, nor shall any dam, weir or other obstruction to navigation or to the spawning run of the Pacific salmon, be constructed in or over the said river.

2. This act shall not apply to any project of the government of Canada respecting navigation, flood control, river bed erosion, current control or the protection, assistance and development of the Pacific salmon fishery.

## Measles, 'Flu Fill Hospitals

LONDON (UPI) — Worst epidemic of measles in nine years and a sharp increase in influenza have filled hospitals to capacity and forced already busy doctors to work emergency hours.

## *She Lived Hours Without Breathing*

AXMINSTER, England (Reuters) — A 78-year-old widow lived for five or six hours after she had stopped breathing, an inquest was told Monday.

A doctor, describing Mrs. Elizabeth Grifin's death after a fall downstairs, said "her breathing was knocked out before her heart."

Although she stopped breathing, her heart kept beating for between five and six hours, he said.